

## SHORTHORN BREEDERS ORGANIZE

Following First Sale, Association is Launched to Boost Pure-Bred Stock Game in Grady County; Officers are Elected

EXPECT 500 MEMBERS  
WITHIN 12 MONTHS

Directors Scattered Throughout Various Townships to Diffuse Interest in Movement; Shows Planned at Coming Fall Fairs

Immediately following the close of the short horn sale in Chickasha yesterday afternoon, the "Grady County Shorthorn Breeders' Association" was organized with twenty-four signing the lists as original members.

The following officers were elected: J. H. Johnston, president; W. H. Gilkey, vice president; M. W. Goose-tree, secretary; E. E. Reeder, treasurer.

The directors chosen are Thomas T. Sand, Hillsboro township; M. W. Goose-tree, Tabler township; J. S. Brown, Alex township; M. C. Holder, Rush Springs township; J. H. Johnston, Amber township; R. S. Doss, Chandler township; J. W. Kunkel, Prairie Valley township; D. H. Stevens, Ninnekah township; W. H. Gilkey, Chickasha; W. W. Yoder, Middleburg township; Phil Heister, township.

In addition to the above, the following are among the original members enrolled: G. H. Young, Amber; E. C. Burton, Chickasha; P. L. Holder, Alex; W. L. and E. Evans, Rush Springs; C. A. Heister, David J. Bond and M. B. Johnson, Chickasha; Pat Morris, Alex; Ike Pritchett, Rush Springs; Jesse Moore, Alex; Will Earle, Ninnekah; G. Serrate, Chickasha.

As explained by the founders, the object of the Grady County Shorthorn Breeders' association is to encourage the breeding of registered shorthorn cattle in Grady county. It is expected by those who were instrumental in effecting the organization, that within the year the association will count not less than 500 enterprising Grady county farmers' names upon its roster.

By scattering the membership of the board of directors throughout the several townships of the county it is thought that an interest will be awakened and kept alive in every section of Grady county, the people of each township having an active board member who will necessarily be posted upon all matters of vital importance to the breeders.

The idea in scattering the directorate about in this manner is also to encourage and initiate a movement leading to a "shorthorn show" each season at the several township fairs, the prize winners at these fairs to be entered at the county fair each fall, the prize winners at which will in turn be entered at the state fair at Oklahoma City.

In the election of officers it was so arranged that each one elected should be the owner of two or more registered shorthorn cattle, thereby being a man who would take the greatest possible interest in bringing the efficiency of the association up to the highest possible standard.

In speaking of the future, and of the aim of the association, President Johnston stated yesterday evening that his object was to pattern this organization after the Blaine County Breeders' association, one of the most successful of its kind in Oklahoma and in the entire southwest. The Blaine county organization was primarily made up of a number of small breeders, and as the organization has grown and the original members have grown into "big" breeders, the "little fellow" is still welcomed into the body and afforded through the association a means of finding the best possible market for the registered output of his breeding farm. The idea, as formulated and carried out in Blaine county, and as it is expected to be carried out in Grady county, is to afford for the small breeder the means of joining in with other small members, as above stated, until a sufficient number of them shall be gathered together to assure the success of the association as a body and of each

individual member. In Blaine county, Mr. Johnston said, there are now several large breeders of shorthorn cattle, but the "little fellows" still have their organization and are still working harmoniously and are each year putting on sales at their headquarters city, Watonga, which brings pleasure to them as lovers of fine cattle and profit to them as breeders of such cattle in the same proportion as may be enjoyed by the "big brother" with the advantages of an unlimited individual pocket book.

In referring to the sale of yesterday Secretary Goose-tree said: "Today's sale of registered shorthorns, the first, will prove within the course of a very short time to have been worth thousands of dollars to the people of Grady county. It has afforded the small breeder and the small farmer the chance to note that registered cattle are a means of establishing and maintaining a fat bank account and it will show the value of silage as feed. It has shown that the breeders of Grady county may make money by getting together and putting legs on their ensilage and cotton seed meal. It has shown that the landless farmer who a few years ago came to the farmerless land of Oklahoma, may now herd the products of his fields together and drive to market the finished and not the raw and unmanufactured material."

The Grady County Breeders' association will hold a regular business meeting during the month immediately preceding the holding of the Grady county township fairs. The place and date of holding this meeting will be announced in due time.

## FIRST FINE STOCK SALE IS SUCCESS

Draws Big Crowd; Average Price Per Head is \$160.50; Over One-Third of Number Offered Sold to Grady County Men

The first sale of registered shorthorns ever held in Grady county, pulled off yesterday afternoon at the yellow barn, was in every particular a success. Col. Hubbard, the auctioneer who had the sale in charge, and Roy C. Smith, cashier of the Chickasha National bank, who looked after the clerical end of the sale, stated this morning that conservative estimates placed the attendance at the sale at from 1,500 to 2,000 people.

Sixty-three head of registered shorthorns, from the breeding farm of A. L. Barner and O. R. Smith, at Belle Plains, Kansas, sold at an average price of \$160.50 per head, or a total for the sale of \$10,115.

The stock sold was divided as follows: 28 cows; 13 heifers; 22 bulls, all young stock. According to statements made by Col. Hubbard and Mr. Smith, this morning, fully thirty-five per cent of the stock sold remained in Grady county. Buyers were here from many different states, including one buyer from Oregon, three from Illinois, one from Missouri and several from both Kansas and Texas.

R. S. Doss, of Norge township, Grady county, was the heaviest individual buyer, with Ed Burton of Chickasha running him a close second. Of the stock sold to parties from outside Grady county, a part went to Kirkland, Texas, while Apache, Anadarko, Wauwate and other Oklahoma breeders were heavy buyers.

Col. Hubbard and his corps of assistants opened the sale shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and in just 2 hours and 47 minutes from the time the auctioneer read the pedigree of the first animal offered until the last yearling was knocked down, the 63 head of registered shorthorns had been sold. Every purchaser paid cash and everyone was pleased with the results of the sale—the ones who had bought the stock and Messrs. Barner and Smith, the original owners, who are going out of business and sold their last stock at this sale.

As a pleasant finale of the sale, Col. Hubbard, the chief auctioneer of the day, entertained between 50 and 60 of his friends at an elaborate luncheon served at his home, 613 South Sixth street, at 6:30 last evening.

Mrs. S. T. Waller of Ft. Worth is the guest of Mrs. Lynn Russell on Pennsylvania avenue.

Lavita Hawn has been quite ill for the past few days with tonsillitis.

## SUES ROCK ISLAND

Riddle and Hammerly, attorneys, this morning filed suit in the district court on behalf of G. C. Bryant vs. the Receivers of the Rock Island railway. The petitioner alleges that on December 25, 1915, the servants of the defendant company, through gross carelessness, permitted the sparks of one of the said company's locomotives to set fire to the grass upon the railroad right-of-way; that this fire communicated to and destroyed two straw stacks, in a field adjoining the right-of-way; that the straw stacks were reasonably worth \$25 each; that the fire burned over 200 acres of voluntary wheat, of a value of \$3 per acre; that the fire also burned over four acres of newly sown wheat and that a total damage was done by the fire amounting to \$670, for which amount, together with interest at the rate of six per cent from the date of the fire, plaintiff seeks judgment.

## ROBS TRAIN; ESCAPES

By United Press.  
Shreveport, La., April 21.—An unmasked bandit boarded the express car on one of the trains of the Louisiana Railroad and Navigation company, shot Messenger Phillips, and escaped an hour later when the train arrived at Alexandria.

Phillips was only slightly injured. Reports received here do not state how much money the robber secured. Thus far no trace of the bandit has been found although officers are following every clue.

## CONCERT TONIGHT

If there is anything in your breast that responds to the "concord of sweet sounds," you will enjoy the free concert that will be given by the new Chickasha band this evening at the college auditorium.

In their maiden appearance before the public the young musicians, also a few older ones, intend to make a bow that will capture the crowd from the start and present a program which will please everybody. They are anxious to have the whole town hear them and all will be welcome.

## HELD ON CHARGE WHITE SLAVERY

Nath Williams, of near Comanche, Stephens county, was arraigned before Judge Eugene Hamilton, United States commissioner, this morning, on white slavery charges and held for hearing Thursday, April 27, at 9 o'clock a. m. In default of bond in the sum of \$2,500, defendant was committed to the Grady county jail until the date of hearing.

Williams was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Worley, of the United States marshal's office, upon a warrant issued by United States commissioner William Hutchinson, of Ardmore, upon a complaint sworn to by James G. Finley, special government officer.

The complaint charges the defendant with having violated the provisions of the Mann act by conducting one Mary Doe, on the 25th day of July, 1915, from Comanche, Oklahoma, to Gainesville, Texas, for immoral purposes.

When arrested, Deputy Worley stated, the defendant was plowing in a field near Deer Creek in Stephens county. He was armed with a forty-four six gun which he told the marshal he carried for use in shooting crows.

The woman is said to be under eighteen years of age. Williams is about 24 years old and is unmarried.

## RELEASED ON BOND.

Clarence Burditt, charged with disturbing religious worship at Norge during the Baptist association meeting at that place, was arraigned before Judge Davenport of the county court yesterday evening and released on bonds in the sum of \$300 for his appearance on May 1.

## GERMAN DIPLOMAT TRAPPED?

Such is Interpretation Placed on Confession of Bomb Plotter and Contents of Von Igle's Papers; Cabinet in Conference

PREDICT PASSPORTS  
FOR BERNSTORFF

Eighth Demand Made for Return of Papers Seized in New York; Columbus Raid Connected With Teutonic Activities

By United Press.  
Washington, April 21.—"Bernstorff trapped." This is the way Washington interprets the confessions of Vondergolts regarding his bomb activities and the revelations of the papers found in the office of Wolf von Igle, former secretary of the recalled German military attaché, who was arrested in New York.

The cabinet considered developments in the situation today. It is predicted that Ambassador Bernstorff may be given his passports as a result of the developments in the investigation of bomb plots.

The extreme seriousness with which Germany regards the seizure of the papers of von Igle was revealed when the eighth demand was made that they be returned. The embassy has advised Berlin officials regarding the seizure of those documents.

Regarding the Columbus investigation, it is learned that an inquiry will probably be made, based upon revelations expected to be obtained when the bandits are captured and induced to confess.

The revelations of Vondergolts are believed to be responsible for the state department's attitude toward the German diplomatic representatives. This confession may result in nationwide grand jury investigations. Though the confession was published in London, Vondergolts was held at Ellis Island for the federal authorities.

It is learned from high authority that when the expedition returns from Mexico an investigation of alleged German activity in connection with the Villa raid at Columbus will be made.

It was made clear today that the United States government demands that Germany stop her present submarine methods against merchantmen immediately and then open the way whereby it may be decided how she may attack commerce without further endangering relations with America. It was pointed out that the United States will not be satisfied without assurances that Germany will give such warning as will insure the safety of passengers when ships are attacked.

## BATTLE ON LINKS GOES TO DRAW

Far less sanguinary than the battle at Verdun but none the less furious, true to advance advices, the clash on the golf course of the Chickasha Country club, raging more or less from early morn till dewy eve for two days, has been fought to a standstill, the score at the conclusion showing an even break between the two contending teams, both composed entirely of local players.

When the gains and losses were counted up last night the score totaled 22 points for each team. The rival clans having failed to win any advantage over each other, the contest today resolved itself into a duel between the bold captains, "Stopper" Witherspoon and G. Blackburne, who this afternoon are deciding the issue in an eighteen-hole bout, each performing desperate deeds of valor in an effort to nose out a victory. Whatever the outcome may be, the brave warriors will bury their differences when they put their feet under

the table at the big feed at the club house this evening and recount how it might have been but wasn't.

Following is the score of the teams, the first named in each line constituting the Blackburne contingent and the second composing the Witherspoon cohorts:

Blackburne 1. Witherspoon 1.  
Wootton 3. Slusher 0.  
Dr. Bond 0. Frey 2.  
Murray 0. B. Johnson 3.  
Richburg 2. Harwell 0.  
T. Phillips 3. Ludlow 0.  
Alger Melton 2. Cavanaugh 1.  
Hammerly 0. Hutson 2.  
Patten 1. King 2.  
Gribb 0. Ad Melton 2.  
Morgan 3. Barefoot 0.  
Holloway 0. Emanuel 3.  
Cochran 2. Elledge 1.  
Humphrey 1. Livermore 1.  
Shoegog 3. W. Owsley 0.  
Miller 0. J. Owsley 2.  
Dr. Williams 0. Wallace 3.  
Thweatt 2. Wade 3.

## ATHLETIC CONTESTS

Tomorrow is the day set for the tennis and track contests among the schools of the county. The tennis part of the program will be pulled off on the Washita Valley court, beginning at 5:30 a. m. while the track events will be staged on the Eighth Street athletic field, starting at 1:30 p. m.

It promises to be an interesting meet in many ways. A number of the country schools will be represented and some of them are reported to be coming strong. For the first time in several years the Chickasha high school will have a well-balanced team.

Gold medals will be presented to the first place winners in all events. Tickets that entitle the holder to admission to all events, including the tennis games, will be sold at 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children, the proceeds being used to pay the expenses of the meet.

Armory ball and volley ball events will be pulled off on the Eighth Street athletic field during the afternoon.

## SOCIAL CLUB AT LUCILE

Mrs. Martin Coryell has returned from Lucile where she was entertained yesterday by the Ladies' Social club of that place. The club has a membership of practically all the ladies of Lucile and vicinity. Mrs. Morrow is the president of the club, which meets twice each month with some members. Yesterday the club met with Mrs. Darnald. Mrs. Coryell stated this morning that a home economic club would probably be organized by the ladies of the social club within a short time.

## INTELLECTUAL CONTEST

Tomorrow evening the Grady county intellectual contest will be staged in the auditorium of the Chickasha high school building, the exercises beginning at 8 o'clock sharp. The program, as arranged by the committee, will consist of recitations, orations, readings, primary story telling, vocal and instrumental music and contests in geography, arithmetic, algebra and history. Golf's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

## GUARDING EL PASO'S GAS AND POWER PLANTS



United States soldiers guarding the gas and power plants of El Paso, Tex. No one is admitted until proper credentials are shown.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.  
Tonight fair. Saturday fair and warmer.  
Local Temperature.  
During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:  
Maximum 72; minimum, 46.

## CLOSED SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL

Miss Katherine Griffith closed a most successful term at the Cofelt school yesterday, followed with an elaborate entertainment last night. A splendid program was rendered by the pupils in which they showed that all had advanced rapidly in their studies during the term. A number of friends of Miss Griffith drove out from Chickasha and attended the exercises.

## EGG HUNT AT FREEMAN SCHOOL

The pupils of the neighborhood Sunday school, including the members of the boys' and girls' clubs, rallied at the Freeman school house at 2:30 this afternoon and enjoyed an old fashioned Easter egg hunt. The egg hunt was followed by an interesting program rendered by the Sunday school classes. Mrs. Coryell, home demonstration agent for Grady county, who was instrumental in organizing the young folks' clubs, and a number of others attend the event from Chickasha.

## VILLA TALE IS BRANDED AS FALSE

Denied by Carranzista General; Bandit Reported at Durango; American Aviators are Fired Upon at Chihuahua But Not Hit

By United Press.  
Chihuahua, Mex., April 21.—General Luis Gutierrez, the Carranzista commander here, today branded as false the story that the corpse of Francisco Villa was exhumed. He stated that it had been proved that the body found was not that of the bandit leader.

According to official American advices, Villa is in the state of Durango and it not wounded. On April 15 Carranza issued an order prohibiting the American aviators from flying over Mexican cities and forbidding Americans to use the telephone wires. A fusillade of shots greeted the American aviators at Chihuahua Wednesday.

Carranzista officers declare that they will be unable to control the growing resentment among the Mexican people unless the expedition is withdrawn. Americans here witnessed Carranzista soldiers firing at an American aeroplane. Civilians also fired at the air craft but it was not hit.

Consul Letcher reported to Washington that he believed Mexicans had attacked the Americans in other towns besides Parral.

## U. S. NOTE IS RECEIVED BY KAISER

Sent by Wire to Army Headquarters and Printed by Newspapers; Conference of Political and Financial Leaders Probable

CAN GO NO FURTHER  
SAYS HEAD OF NAVY

No Desire to Break With U. S. and No Intention to Bring It About Despite Wish to Push Submarine Warfare

By United Press.  
Berlin, April 21.—The note from the United States government demanding the abandonment of the submarine methods that have been practiced in the past by Germany, with a breach in diplomatic relations as the alternative, reached Kaiser Wilhelm at the grand army headquarters via telegraph today. It was also published by newspapers here and elsewhere in Germany.

The newspapers made no comment on the American communication today. No official comment in regard to it is expected until von Hollweg returns from the front, possibly Monday. It is probable that the leaders in the reichstag and leading financiers will be called into conference before any action is taken.

Fight Before Yielding.  
By United Press.  
Amsterdam, April 21.—The German press, commenting on the last American note before it arrived, declared that Germany preferred to face another enemy rather than abandon the submarine as a weapon.

By Carl W. Ackerman.  
(United Press staff correspondent—Copyright 1916 by U. P., copyright in Great Britain.)  
Berlin, via wireless to Tuckertown, N. J., April 21.—Germany can go no more in her submarine concessions to the United States, Admiral van Holtzendorff, chief of the German admiralty staff, declared in an interview with the United Press correspondent today.

"But remember," added the head of the German navy, later during the course of the interview, "that we have no desire for a break with the United States. That would be insanity and we shall do nothing to bring it about despite our desire to push vigorously our submarine warfare."

"We did not sink the Sussex," added the admiral.

The German reply to the American note is expected to be sent late next week.

Operations at Verdun.  
By United Press.  
Paris, April 21.—The Germans, following heavy artillery firing, launched a powerful infantry attack along a mile front northeast of Verdun, capturing portions of the French lines.

Later the Germans were repulsed by French counter attacks, it is officially stated. The losses of the enemy were heavy. The French are reported to be gaining on both sides of the Meuse around Verdun.

## GIVES HEARING ON CLAIM FOR INJURY

Judge Jackson, of Oklahoma City, member of the Oklahoma State Industrial Commission, arrived in Chickasha this morning and this afternoon took up the hearing of the matter wherein W. J. Prather seeks reimbursement for time, and pay for injuries received, under the provisions of the "Workman's Compensation Act." Prather, while employed by the Chickasha Cotton and Oil company, during December, 1915, was injured while operating a gin saw file. The risk was carried by the Maryland Casualty company and the matter under advisement today before Judge Jackson is to determine the extent of the injuries and the amount to which the injured man will be entitled under the provisions of the act.